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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2326

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 5056.5 of the Penal Code, relating to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Reentry Advisory Committee.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2326, as amended, Bass. Reentry Advisory Committee.

Existing law requires the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish, until January 1, 2011, a Reentry Advisory Committee, comprised as specified, to advise the secretary on matters related to the successful planning, implementation, and outcomes of all reentry programs and services in the department, with the goal of reducing recidivism. Existing law provides that the committee shall meet at least quarterly and that committee members shall receive compensation for travel expenses but no other compensation.

This bill would expand the membership of the committee by ~~3~~ 7 members, as specified. The bill would provide that the committee meet at least quarterly and upon call of the secretary. The bill would also remove the requirement that committee members shall receive compensation for travel expenses, as specified, and instead provide that committee members shall serve without compensation. The bill would

require the secretary, in consultation with the committee, to apply for specified federal grants and, if grant funding is awarded, to develop a comprehensive strategic reentry plan containing annual and 5-year performance goals, as specified, to include the goal of reducing the rate of recidivism by 50% over a 5-year period for offenders released from prison, jail, or a juvenile facility who are served with federal grant funds, as measured by specified outcomes. The bill would require the secretary, in consultation with the committee, to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the United States Attorney General detailing the progress toward achieving strategic performance outcomes, as specified. The bill would extend the operation of the committee until January 1, 2016.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5056.5 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 5056.5. (a) On or before July 1, 2007, the Secretary of the
4 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall establish a
5 Reentry Advisory Committee. The committee shall report to the
6 secretary, who shall serve as chair of the committee. The committee
7 shall include representation from stakeholders in the successful
8 administration of reentry programming and shall be comprised of
9 the following members, appointed by the secretary:
10 (1) A representative of the California League of Cities.
11 (2) A representative of the California State Association of
12 Counties.
13 (3) A representative of the California State Sheriffs' Association.
14 (4) A representative of the California Police Chiefs' Association.
15 (5) A representative of the Department of Corrections and
16 Rehabilitation Adult Parole Operations.
17 (6) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.
18 (7) A representative of the State Department of Social Services.
19 (8) A representative of the State Department of Health Care
20 Services.
21 (9) A representative of the Labor and Workforce Development
22 Agency.

1 (10) A representative of the County Alcohol and Drug Program
2 Administrators Association.

3 (11) A representative of the California Association of Alcohol
4 and Drug Program Executives.

5 (12) An individual with experience in providing housing for
6 low-income individuals.

7 (13) A recognized expert in restorative justice programs.

8 (14) An individual with experience in providing education and
9 vocational training services.

10 (15) An independent consultant with expertise in community
11 corrections and reentry services.

12 (16) ~~A public defender or private defense attorney~~ *county public*
13 *defender.*

14 (17) *A private criminal defense attorney.*

15 (18) *A chief probation officer.*

16 (19) *A victims' representative.*

17 (20) *A district attorney.*

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19 (21) A representative of a community-based organization who
20 is familiar with the reentry needs of former offenders and who has
21 experience advocating for former offenders and with providing
22 reentry services in southern California.

23 ~~(18)~~

24 (22) A representative of a faith-based organization who is
25 familiar with the reentry needs of former offenders and who has
26 experience advocating for former offenders and providing reentry
27 services in northern California.

28 (b) The Reentry Advisory Committee shall meet not less
29 frequently than each quarter and shall also meet upon call of the
30 secretary. Members of the committee shall serve without
31 compensation.

32 (c) The Reentry Advisory Committee shall advise the secretary
33 on all matters related to the successful statewide planning,
34 implementation, and outcomes of all reentry programs and services
35 provided by the department, with the goal of reducing recidivism
36 of all persons under the jurisdiction of the department. The
37 committee shall consider and advise the secretary on the following:

38 (1) Encouraging collaborative reentry activities among key
39 stakeholders at the state and local levels.

1 (2) Developing a knowledge base of best practice models and
2 programs related to what people need to successfully return to
3 their communities from prison and what resources communities
4 need to successfully provide for these needs.

5 (3) Incorporating reentry outcomes into department
6 organizational missions and work plans as priorities.

7 (4) Funding of reentry programs.

8 (5) Promoting systems of integration and coordination.

9 (6) Measuring outcomes and evaluating the impact of reentry
10 programs.

11 (7) Educating the public about reentry programs and their role
12 in public safety.

13 (d) The committee shall produce reports at the request of the
14 Legislature or *the* Governor. Any reports generated by the
15 committee shall be posted on the department's Internet Web site.

16 (e) The secretary, in consultation with the committee, shall
17 immediately seek and apply for grant funding available through
18 the federal Second Chance Act of 2007: Community Safety
19 Through Recidivism Prevention (Public Law 110-199).

20 (f) As required by the federal Second Chance Act of 2007, if
21 grant funding is awarded for this purpose, the secretary, in
22 consultation with the committee, shall develop a comprehensive
23 strategic reentry plan containing annual and five-year performance
24 goals. The comprehensive reentry plan shall seek to reduce the
25 rate of recidivism by 50 percent over a five-year period for
26 offenders released from prison, jail, or a juvenile facility who are
27 served with funds provided under the federal Second Chance Act
28 of 2007. The outcome measures for the plan developed pursuant
29 to this subdivision may include, but shall not be limited to, the
30 following:

31 (1) Reduction in crime.

32 (2) Increase in employment and educational opportunities.

33 (3) Reduction in supervised release violations.

34 (4) Increase in child support obligation compliance.

35 (5) Reduction in drug and alcohol abuse.

36 (6) Increase in participation in substance abuse and mental health
37 services.

38 (7) Other outcome measures that correlate positively with the
39 reentry success rate of offenders who transition out of prisons,
40 jails, or juvenile facilities.

1 (g) If grant funding is awarded for the purposes specified in
2 subdivision (f), the secretary, in consultation with the committee,
3 shall develop the comprehensive strategic reentry plan in
4 consultation with community members and stakeholders, including
5 persons in the fields of public safety, juvenile and adult corrections,
6 housing, health, education, substance abuse, child and family
7 services, victim services, employment, and business, and members
8 of nonprofit organizations working on reentry policy or providing
9 reentry services.

10 (h) If grant funding is awarded for the purposes specified in
11 subdivision (f), the secretary, in consultation with the committee,
12 shall submit an annual report to the Legislature and the United
13 States Attorney General detailing the progress of grantees toward
14 achieving strategic performance outcomes and describing other
15 activities conducted by grantees to increase the success rates of
16 the reentry population, such as programs that foster effective risk
17 management and treatment, offender accountability, and
18 community and victim participation. Any reports pursuant to this
19 subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795
20 of the Government Code.

21 (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016,
22 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
23 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.